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Get ready for the dog days advance.

Where in Vermont, outside of Brattleboro, would one expect an ox team to run away?

Out of the trenches by Aug. 20 is the current prediction in the House and Senate at Washington.

While the calcium light beats fiercely on the shark-infested shores of north Jersey resorts, the card sharks in the mountain resorts serenely pursue the even tenor of their way.

"Sticking close to the job in Washington and must therefore rely on friends for information regarding the political situation."—Political letter of the times, July 13.

"I desire to announce the unavoidable absence of my colleague, Mr. Taggart. He is paired with the junior senator from Vermont."—Senator Kern in the Congressional Record July 13.

The Iowa supreme court has handed down a ruling upholding the city which demands by ordinance that jitney drivers shall give a bond of \$2,000. Such a ruling, applied in Barre and Montpelier, doubtless will have the effect of putting a number of intercity carriers out of commission.

Now that the way has been opened for financing much needed water main extensions, the aldermanic water committee of Barre will perform a conspicuous public service if the work is not permitted to be held up until the advent of cold weather. Energetic official action is predicted in the fact that a start on the Willey street meadow extension is to be made to-morrow.

Summer scenery in Vermont is beginning to be enhanced by the bright coloring of the goldenrod, most radiant of nature's autumnal flowers. Until the summer is well on its wane, the goldenrod modestly raises its auriferous blossoms in the byways, but diligent search will reveal enough of the flowers to make a desirable porch bouquet.

It is to be hoped that seasonal weather will prevail for the 19th annual reunion of the Washington County Veterans' association, which opens at Dewey park Wednesday. Several gatherings of the old guard in recent years have been affected by cool weather prevalent at night, when the campfire is held. In spite of the infirmities attendant upon old age, however, the veterans have held to Dewey park as the most desirable spot for a summer reunion.

Doctors disagree on the use of adrenalin as a cure for infantile paralysis and until the efficacy of the spinal injection is thoroughly demonstrated practitioners are to apply it on their own responsibility. Medical experts battling against the epidemic in New York have expressed divergent views upon the potency of piquantly reminds the Missouri patriots the health authorities in imposing personal responsibility in the use of the stimulant is to be commended.

Massachusetts speaks in iron tones when she takes exceptions to the charge that mobilization of her National Guard was delayed for a day in order to cut \$2,000 worth of hay on the state parade grounds. The charge comes from Missouri and in his reply, addressed to the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Henry F. Long, assistant secretary to Governor McCall, piquantly reminds the Missouri patriots that the Bay state troops are on the border in larger numbers and in advance of the Missouri contingent.

Impulsive appraisal of the effect which the Deutschland triumph is to have on shipping should be dismissed, but whatever the conclusions may be it cannot be gainsaid that the size of the seas has been reduced materially by the remarkable achievement of the submersible boats, merchant and otherwise, since the beginning of the war. Lord Robert Cecil, minister of the British blockade, is credited with the statement that the Atlantic ocean is about as large as the North sea was 100 years ago for all practical purposes, considering the advance that has been made in naval warfare. It is a matter that America will have to take into consideration in the near future.

One of the predicted results of the European war is the union of three major denominations in Canada. A generation has passed since the question was debated for the first time and just now, with the general assembly in Winnipeg recording itself in favor of church unity by a vote of 406 to 88, the consummation seems to be nearer than at any time in 30 years. In the words of a prominent Canadian theologian, "There has been created an atmosphere in which the thorniest ecclesiastical problems become accessible to solution." Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational bodies are concerned in the proposed union. Canada has shown the way in the matter of voluntary enlistments since 1914 and should church union follow as one of the results.



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of the European debate, the dominion's contribution to the history of the times would be great, indeed.

VAGARIES OF THE OPEN.

Rare opportunities for studying wild animals in their native haunts seem to be opening themselves at every turn to the geologic survey from Oberlin college, which is passing some time in Vermont this summer. Down near Wilmington one of the party, while studying rock formations on the southern slope of Haystack mountain, encountered the fresh tracks of a bear and cub. He followed the tracks to the edge of the woods and heard the animals crashing away through the brush. Other members of the party have seen deer and foxes at several points. To pound samples from an exposed ledge would seem to be sufficiently monotonous and a distraction in the form of an encounter with a bear must be welcomed occasionally even by the geologist. It is notoriously true that people who venture into the wildwood for berries or for research are always meeting up with members of the bruin fold, while big game hunters range the hills for days without glimpsing quarry.

CURRENT COMMENT

Vermont's Splendid Crop Showing.

The splendid showing of Vermont as regards the condition of its crops, as detailed elsewhere, means that the farmers of this state will reap a harvest this year that will bring bigger returns in money than for many years. This means added prosperity for the state, for despite the great amount of manufacturing done in Vermont it is primarily an agricultural state and the prosperity of this class of its inhabitants means much to the rest. The predominance of the state in the growing of alfalfa, especially as this is supposed to be a western product, is merely another indication of the fact that Vermont can and does do many things better than the originators of these things. For a long time it was thought that the irrigated sections of the West would never relinquish their claim to superiority in alfalfa growing, but scientific farming methods, coupled with abundant rainfall and as good soil as anywhere in the country, are showing Vermonters that it is not necessary to yield the palm to any section except as regards semi-tropical products.—Wilmington Times.

Revising the Statutes.

The St. Johnsbury Caledonian, spokesman for Commissioner Titcomb, lambasts Hon. Hale K. Darling, statute revision commissioner, because he is giving the fish and game code a different cast than the law is alleged to warrant. It says that Mr. Darling will present two drafts, one of the prohibitive pattern and the other following the present permissive form, and the legislature may choose between them. On its face, this looks fair. How is it, will the Caledonian explain, that in so doing "Mr. Darling is brazenly defying the thousands of members of the fish and game organization of the state and the only legal authority for enacting law in Vermont, as well as the legislature which defined his authority in revising the statutes of the state?" Mr. Darling is counted a pretty good lawyer and has had some little experience in the framing and phraseology of statutes. We can see no motive on his part in making himself a lot of extra work unless he believes it justified. If the Caledonian is correct in its explanation of what Mr. Darling is about, we suspect he will be able to give some tolerably good reasons for it when the time comes.—Randolph Herald.

Here are Traitors.

A dispatch from El Paso brings the news that 1,500,000 rounds of ammunition, ostensibly intended for dealers in El Paso, have been smuggled across the border and delivered to Villa by Villistas acting as his agents. The ammunition was taken in wagons to Villa's headquarters on the Rio Grande, south-west of Chihuahua City.

Ammunition manufacturers or dealers in the United States who have conspired at such delivery of munitions to this murderous revolutionist are guilty, blood guilty, of most shameful and unpardonable treason to the country in which they find shelter, and they deserve punishment covering their crime. Here are traitors of the most contemptible sort; mercy to such as they were a crime against our own flesh and blood who are now exposed to the bullets which these traitors sold to a foreign enemy of our own country.

The Federal Secret Service never had more urgent work than to find out these men and bring them to book for their trade in American lives. The secret service has a long arm; it should be stretched to the utmost and not relaxed until the men guilty of this sordid treason are grasped and held firmly.—New York Evening Sun.

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On the Other Foot.

The Germans pleaded that a submarine torpedo boat could not take the risk of searching before seizing a merchant vessel and of securing the lives of all on board before sinking the ship. Now, since the appearance of the Deutschland, some of the English and French are pleading that their warships cannot take the risk of searching a submarine to see if it is a merchantman and, therefore, would be justified in sinking all submarines at sight. Each party suddenly finds the boot on the other foot.

But the United States from the outset has applied to the submarines a rule which works both ways, the old rule of international law for the protection of life. And life is life, whether under the water or on the water.

That it is perilous for a German submarine to give notice before torpedoing a ship, or for a British naval vessel to parley with a submarine, is no valid argument against an ancient right of humanity. Human life is no less sacred now than before the invention of the submarine. If Napoleon had successfully co-operated with Robert Fulton and launched steam merchantmen to run the British blockade would the British have been warranted in refusing them the guarantees of the law on the ground that the presence of Fulton's engines was evidence enough that the ships were constructed for the purpose of escaping the blockaders?

Our Greater Vermont.

Everyone who heard the inspiring addresses at the annual meeting and banquet of the Greater Vermont association at Montpelier must have been convinced that a Greater Vermont is already in existence. Nearly all of the speakers were either Vermont men or men born in Vermont, who have achieved greatness in other fields. Ex-Gov. E. C. Smith is a Vermontor identified with one of the greatest railroads of the state. Gov. C. W. Gates has always been identified with Vermont. John Barrett, Wendell P. Stafford and George Harvey are native Vermonters who have won national and international reputations and bring great credit to their native state. Theodore X. Vail was not born in Vermont, but he has done great work in Vermont and made the state the largest gift in its history for educational purposes and stands as one of the leaders in his business in this country.

Each of these men had part in the program of the meeting and each spoke of the ideals, principles and purposes of Vermonters in a way that presented the greater possibilities and development of the state. The addresses combined were a very forceful presentation of the greatness of Vermont, a greatness unsurpassed by any state in the union. The central truth of all this presentation was the greatness of the principles that had actuated Vermonters in the past and that still exists in the little great state. Every man who heard their message must have gained a larger vision of what this state really is, a stronger faith in its future and a stronger determination to live his part in a state that will stand for justice, for courage and for devotion to public welfare. It was a great meeting and will have a great influence on the whole state.—St. Johnsbury Caledonian.

A Neglect of Our Right in Turkey.

Why is there no American ambassador at Constantinople? Mr. Henry Morgenthau is nominally our ambassador to Turkey, but he left his post some time ago, and remains at home while American interests are attacked and American representation flouted by the Turks. There are more than our own interests to protect in Turkey during the war. It is bad enough to have American mission property seized by military authorities, but it is worse to see the rights of other nations outraged after they have been entrusted to the care of our government. And it is monstrous that the influence of the United States of Ameri-

ca should have fallen so low that we are not allowed to save the people of Syria from death by starvation.

Our state department seems to be playing a very weak hand at the Turkish capital. Representations concerning the threatened extermination of the Christian population of Syria were made to Turkey before Mr. Morgenthau returned to the United States, and three since then, on May 24, June 21 and July 6, they have been treated with disdain. An offer was made to supply the people with food, but it is reported that already from 50,000 to 80,000 have perished and that the country is still being drained of its food by the Turkish military authorities. Djemal Pasha, the commander of the troops in Syria, is said to have drawn a cordon around the Lebanon district to punish it with famine, and his own proclamation shows that he has executed twenty prominent Syrians and sentenced 200 more to death on the charge of high treason.

A circumstance which aggravates the situation is that Djemal broke the seal of the United States on the doors of the British and French consulates at Beirut, and carried off the archives, notwithstanding the protest of the American consul-general. That was an insult to the United States and a flagrant violation of international law, yet a remonstrance at Constantinople has brought no apology or redress. Djemal must laugh. He found the names of leading Syrians in documents taken from the raided consulates, and then began the executions. Our secretaries and consuls in Turkey may talk and our state department may write notes without avail, while our nominal ambassador to Constantinople stays at home to take an interest in President Wilson's campaign for re-election. What is wanted is an ambassador at his post, if the influence of the United States is not to be flung away.—Boston Herald.

JINGLES AND JESTS

His Belief.

"Does your husband believe in prohibition?"
 "About the same as I does in ghosts. He admits that there might be such a thing, and the mention of it scares him dreadfully."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Father's Boyhood.

"When I was young," my father said, "at five a. m. I jumped from bed, And fed the stock and brought in wood And did just everything I could." (Then grandma smiled the strangest way But didn't have a word to say.)

"But now most boys aren't worth their salt. The friends they choose are most at fault. For my best friend I chose a book."

Then grandma shot the strangest look. And added with the slightest shrug, "Like that you read behind the rug."—Carlton Fisher in Farm and Fireside.

He Laughed Out Loud.

"Mr. Jones had become the father of twins. The minister stopped him in the street to congratulate him.
 "Well, Jones," he said, "I hear that the Lord has smiled on you."
 "Smiled on me?" repeated Jones. "He laughed out loud!"—Farm and Fireside.

Dangers of Most Fly Poisons.

In Farm and Fireside is an article telling of the dangers to human beings in many fly poisons.
 Most of them contain arsenic—a deadly and rapid poison. In view of the extent to which such poison is kept in saucers about many houses during fly time, let us bear in mind that the pranks of children never cease. In the past two years 72 cases are on record of children being poisoned by playfully drinking the contents of saucers set out for flies.
 "Some of the children died, but most of them, having prompt medical treatment, recovered. Michigan now has a law regulating the sale of fly poisons. But a matter of this kind is often successfully coped with if the attention of intelligent people is simply called to the danger. We are not condemning fly poisons, but simply urge care in keeping them out of the reach of youngsters."



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HIS LOST PRACTICE.

Trials of a Congressman in Taking Up His Old Profession.

In the America Magazine is an interview with a member of the United States house of representatives, who tells of the almost impossible barriers between him and his old profession, the law.

"After I had been in congress a couple of terms I decided that I would be happier and that my family would be vastly better off if I were back home practicing my profession," he said. "So after the adjournment of congress I set out to rebuild my neglected law business."

"I was astounded at what a job it was. My practice was not merely run down or temporarily absent. It was gone! Now, I had not yet become a topnotcher in my profession before going to congress. In order to make a comfortable income I had not been able to depend alone on the better grade of legal business, but was obliged to do some of the more trivial work, such as every young lawyer is glad to get. This class of business had gone from me in my absence, along with the rest. And it did not come back because of a reason that I had not thought of. During my terms in congress I had come to be looked upon as an important figure in the community, and everybody regarded me as above such things as performing legal services of a trivial or minor character. Thus I did not get the small business, and the big business was being taken care of by other lawyers who had been constantly on the job."

ANTIQUITY OF THE HARP.

The Instrument Was in Use in Egypt 3,000 Years Ago.

The very first authentic record of the harp, predating even the Greek myth of Orpheus, although it is very hard indeed to assign dates to myth, is obtained from the discovery of Egyptian harps, not unlike the modern in general design, bearing dates of 3,000 years ago, or 500 years before Cratife made his harp of willow. Old Irish chronicles are full of interesting references to the harp and its functions. Let us select the comparatively modern date of 718 A. D.—modern indeed when we consider Cratife, who was a contemporary of Sappho—which contains these lines from a poem describing the tragic death of Curio MacDaire, king of West Munster at the period of the Incarnation. They are addressed to Ferceclarte, the king's chief minstrel:
 Make amusements for us, O'Donnob, Because thou art the best minstrel in Erin
 At pipes or tubes, and at harps, and at poems,
 And at traditions, and at the royal stories of Erin.
 This extract will serve to show the versatility of the harper of the MacDaire. He seems to have taken the place which a whole opera company fills at the present day, including the orchestra and the composer of the music and the writer of the libretto.—New York Post.

The Spinning Mule.

Samuel Crompton, a boy of sixteen, copied the best features of the spinning machine invented by Hargreaves and Arkwright, added to them some of his own and, after three months of anxious and secret experimenting, produced the first spinning mule, so called because it was a kind of hybrid between Hargreaves' jenny and Arkwright's water frame. The raw apprentice lad was, however, no match in cunning for the cotton lords, who soon found out the secret of his new machine and shamelessly robbed him of the fruits of his ingenuity. Many years afterward, it is true, they used their influence to secure for him a parliamentary grant of \$5,000, but he was then a broken hearted and disappointed man, to whom the money came too late to be of any real service.

Relief.

"Is your daughter improving in her music?"
 "No; but the next best thing is happening. She's getting tired of it and won't practice."—Washington Star.

CHANGED HIS MIND.

Andrew Lang Didn't Like Stevenson When They First Met.

Andrew Lang was the unyielding enemy of everything that savored of decadence. He particularly disliked the affected young aesthetes of the 1890's. And, although he came, as the world knows, to be the devoted friend of Robert Louis Stevenson, his first impressions of him were most unfavorable, for he mistook him for an aesthete of the aesthetes.

In his book "On the Trail of Stevenson" Clayton Hamilton gives a record of Andrew Lang's account of his first glimpse of Stevenson. Andrew Lang, it seems, practiced the conversational economy associated chiefly with the name of the late Alfred Jingle, Esq. Mr. Lang said—and Mr. Hamilton jotted it down immediately after in the London Underground—these things:

"Mentone promenade. Saw him coming. Didn't like him. Long cape. Long hair. Queer hat. — queer. Hands—white, bony, beautiful. Didn't like the cape. Didn't like the hair. Looked like a — aesthete. Never liked aesthetes. Can't stand them. Talked well. Saw that. Still seemed another aesthete Colvin had discovered. Didn't like him. Didn't like him at all. . . . Later—oh, yes—but I needn't tell you that. Didn't like him at first. Took time."

Saving Labor.

"This agricultural journal states that apple trees ought to be planted on a slope."

"What's the idea?"

"So when the apples ripen and drop off they will roll down to the farmer's doorstep, I suppose."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Alaric the Goth.

Alaric, the first of the barbarian kings who entered and sacked the Eternal City and the first enemy who had appeared before its walls since the time of Hannibal, is said to have received as the price of his departure from the city (during the first siege, in A. D. 408) 5,000 pounds weight of gold, 3,000 pounds weight of silver, 3,000 silken robes, 3,000 pieces of scarlet cloth and 4,000 pounds of pepper. In order to furnish a portion of the ransom demanded by the invader it became necessary to melt down some of the statues of the ancient gods.

The Swish of the Red.

A college president in an address on pedagogy said:
 "And one of the most remarkable changes in the last thirty years of teaching is the abolition of corporal punishment. A boy of this generation is never whipped. But boys of the last generation must have believed that their instructors all had for motto: "The swish is father to the taught!"

Caution.

He—Now that we are in this great field alone with each other and nature, let me tell you a sweet secret. She—Let's go out of this field into the potato patch. You must remember that, though potatoes have eyes, corn has ears.—Baltimore American.

Appropriate.

"So your manicurist has sued your dentist for breach of promise?"
 "Yes, and the case is to be fought tooth and nail."—Boston Transcript.

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